



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL KEIR D. KNAPP

Colonel Keir D. Knapp is the Vice Commander, 110th Attack Wing, W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Michigan. He is Commander of approximately 1,000 personnel where his responsibilities include oversight of four groups and several tenant units. The groups include an Operations Group, Mission Support Group, Medical Group, and an Air Operations Group. The tenant units include the Defense Logistics Agency, STARBASE, AAFES, Michigan State Police, and the Merit Network. The 110th Attack Wing has 220 full-time technicians and Active Guard Reservists; drill status manning is 646 personnel.

Colonel Knapp is a 1988 graduate of the University of Illinois and entered the Air Force after receiving his commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He served 10 years on active duty and now more than 17 years in the Air National Guard. His previous assignments include: Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma; A-10 Flight Training at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona; A-10 Aircraft Commander and Squadron Safety Officer at England Air Force Base, Alexandria, Louisiana. Multiple positions at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina, including Instructor Pilot, Plans officer, Chief of Training, Chief of Scheduling, and Chief of Stan/Eval. His next assignment was back to Davis-Monthan AFB as a Flight Commander and A-10 FTU Instructor and Evaluator Pilot. After leaving the active duty in July of 1998 he became a 1<sup>st</sup> Officer flying for Continental Airlines until being furloughed after September 11, 2001. He is currently on military leave from United Airlines. Colonel Knapp joined the Michigan Air National Guard at W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Michigan in 1998. He became a full time Technician in the Michigan Air National Guard in December of 1999. He has held numerous positions including Instructor Pilot, Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Stan/Eval, Chief of Scheduling, Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations (ADO), Director of Operations (DO), Chief of Wing Safety, 172nd Fighter Squadron Commander, and 110th Operations Group Commander. Col Knapp has nearly 3900 hours in the T-37, T-38, A-10A, A-10C, and C-21; with over 3200 hours in the A-10. He has deployed 6 times to Southwest Asia and has flown 96 combat sorties over Iraq and Afghanistan.



## EDUCATION

1988 Bachelors of Science Degree in Journalism, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL  
1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL  
2002 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL (Correspondence)  
2006 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL (Correspondence)  
2015 Masters of Science in Administration-Leadership (partial-27 hours) Central MI University

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. Mar 1989 – Jun 1990, Pilot Trainee, 71st Training Squadron, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, OK
2. Aug 1990 - Dec 1990, A-10 Trainee, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, AZ
3. Jan 1991 – May 1992, A-10 Pilot, 75th Fighter Squadron, 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing, England Air Force Base, Alexandria, LA
4. May 1992 – Jul 1995, A/OA-10 Instructor Pilot, 55th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, SC

5. Aug 1996 – Jul 1998, A/OA-10 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, 358th Fighter Squadron, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, AZ
6. Aug 1998 – Present, A-10A/C//C-21 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, 110<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 110th Fighter/Airlift/Attack Wing, W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, MI

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,900

Aircraft: T-37, T-38, A/OA-10A/C, C-21

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

AF Outstanding Unit Award with valor device with nine oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal w/ seven oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Iraq Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship with one oak leaf cluster

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

National Guard Association of Michigan

National Guard Association of the United States

Air Force Association

Experimental Aircraft Association

Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA)

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      28 May 1988

First Lieutenant        16 October 1990

Captain                    16 October 1992

Major                      16 October 1999

Lieutenant Colonel      16 October 2003

Colonel                    17 December 2011

(Current as of 30 March 2016)